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Hillary set to be secretary of state

APPOINTMENT Barack Obama is finally set to name his one-time bitter rival, Hillary Clinton, secretary of state today in a move that's been transfixing Washington for weeks due to the uneasy relationship between the president-elect and the Clintons. To clear the way for his wife to become the country's top diplomat, Bill Clinton agreed this weekend to publicly divulge the names of 208,000 donors to his presidential library and foundation by the end of the year. He will also refuse donations from foreign governments to the Clinton Global Initiative, his annual charitable conference.

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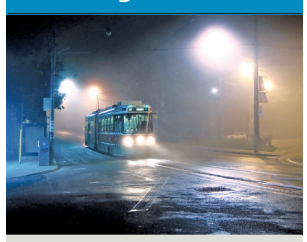

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Winter Magic **Thrill ride with ladybug**

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Children hang on tight while on a ladybug ride at the Yonge Business Improvement Area's Winter Magic event in Dundas Square.

Tories in full retreat as coalition threat looms

A day of high-stakes political intrigue in the nation's capital set the scene for a week that will see Stephen Harper's Conservatives fight to retain their grip on power.

Last night, after days of intense talks, the three opposition parties were close to a deal for a coalition government that would last for 2½ years, a source close to the discussions confirmed. The NDP would be granted a quarter of the positions in a cabinet smaller than Harper's 38-member cabinet.

"We're going to have to deal with the automotive issue, obviously."
Jim Flaherty

Nothing short of a fresh economic statement with new measures to help Canadians cope with the current recession now appears likely to dissuade federal opposition parties from defeating the Conservative minority and trying to form a coalition government next week.

Finance Minister Jim Flaherty yesterday continued a full-scale retreat from his Nov. 27 economic statement with a promise to stimulate the economy in an early budget he now says will be set for Jan. 27. And for the first time, he also hinted strongly that Ottawa would bail out Canada's struggling Big Three automakers.

"We're going to have to deal with the automotive issue, obviously," he said.

But the Liberals and New Democrats said the latest concessions from the Conservatives are not enough to derail their move — with support from the Bloc Québécois — to defeat the Tory minority and take power with a coalition cabinet.

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Gunman linked to Pakistani militants

MUMBAI ATTACKS The only gunman captured after a 60-hour terrorist siege of Mumbai said he belonged to a Pakistani militant group with links to the disputed Himalayan region of Kashmir, a senior police officer said yesterday.

The gunman was one of 10 who paralyzed the city in an attack that killed at least 174 people and revealed the weakness of India's security apparatus. India's top law enforcement official resigned, bowing to growing criticism that the attackers appeared better trained and better armed than police.

The announcement blaming militant group Lashkar-e-Taiba threatened to escalate tensions between India and Pakistan. However, Indian officials have been cautious about accusing Pakistan of complicity.

Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh promised to expand the commando force and set up new bases for it around the country. He called a rare meeting of leaders from the country's main political parties, hours after the resignation of Home Minister Shivraj Patil.

Singh named Finance Minister Palaniappan Chidambaram as his new home minister.

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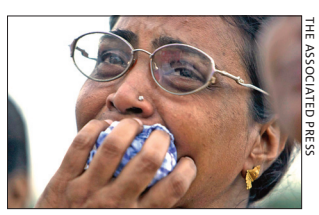

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Five-year waiting period proposed by Metrolinx
The Metrolinx Regional Transportation Plan recommends waiting five years before deciding how to pay for the bulk of its suggested $50 billion in regional transit improvements. But even the politicians who helped write and yesterday approved sending the 25-year plan to Queen's Park think five years is too long to wait. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Local

Charities sound alarm

It could be an ugly Christmas for many of Toronto's most needy. Staring down the double barrel of declining donations and greater demand for their services occasioned by the weakening economy, important Toronto charities are sounding the alarm on the special need for public generosity during the holiday season. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Cities protest death penalty

An eye for an eye makes the world blind.

So read a placard carried by one of 70-odd protesters last night at Nathan Phillips Square as Toronto joined with more than 800 cities around the world to speak out against the death penalty.

> **"The imposition of the death penalty is inconsistent with fundamental values of our democratic system."**
> Coun. Gord Perks

"The imposition of the death penalty is inconsistent with fundamental values of our democratic system and an intolerable denial of civil liberties," said Coun. Gord Perks, speaking on behalf of Mayor David Miller. "We must therefore seek to prevent executions and to abolish capital punishment through litigation, legislation or commutation."

Perks declared Nov. 30 "Cities for Life Day" in Toronto and encouraged residents to join the campaign to have the death penalty abolished worldwide.

Marie Copps, a Toronto fashion designer who braved the wind and rain last night to join the march, acknowledged that a small protest would likely have little impact on nations practising capital punishment, but said denouncing state executions was important.

"Every bit can make an impact," said Copps, 38. "It's important to gather together to express our concern. I hate the death penalty."

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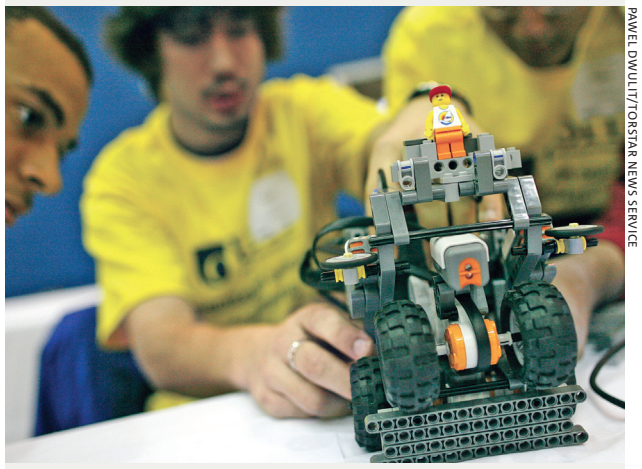
Tech **Building a better robot**



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Team members from Notre Dame Catholic High School work on their robot on the weekend during the 2008 University of Ontario Institute of Technology's Engineering Robotics Competition in Oshawa. Sir William Mulock Secondary School in Newmarket, last year's defending champion, beat out 26 other teams for this year's title.

News in brief

COUNCIL When Toronto city council meets today, the city's efforts to reduce the amount of packaging will be front and centre, including banning the sale of bottled water in civic centres.

EDUCATION Ontario's elementary teachers were not involved in provincial negotiations as of last night, despite a midnight deadline to reach a deal or lose a wage offer of 12 per cent over four years.

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Heavy storm warning lifted

While residents in Toronto's downtown core were spared the worst of southern Ontario's first major snowstorm beginning late yesterday afternoon, heavy snow warnings were issued for the Golden Horseshoe, with up to 15 centimetres of wet snow forecast for Durham, Vaughan, York, Peel and Halton regions.

The Ontario Provincial Police are warning commuters on their way into work this morning to obey the rules of the road and be extra vigilant in the slushy conditions.

A heavy storm warning for Toronto was lifted late yesterday afternoon, but a rainy and windy evening was in store. The city was still expected to be on the receiving end of at least two centimetres of wet, heavy snow creating slushy, slippery roads and walkways. City of Toronto salt trucks were ready to roll last night in case of a larger-than-expected snowfall. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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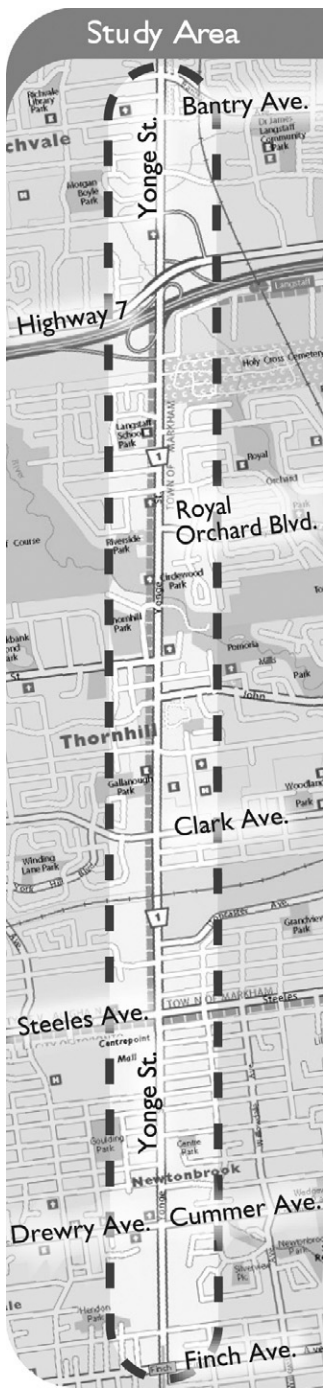
Yonge Subway Extension

NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT OF THE TRANSIT PROJECT ASSESSMENT PROCESS

The City of Toronto and Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) are now partners with The Regional Municipality of York on a proposed extension of the Yonge Street Subway, from its current terminus at Finch Station to the Richmond Hill Centre at Yonge Street and Highway 7. Conceptual Planning and Functional Planning studies have provided an evaluation of alignment alternatives, station locations and associated facilities in consultation with public and government stakeholders, to develop a technically feasible solution, including preliminary construction methods. The results of this study are the basis for the Transit Project. The purpose of this notice is to indicate that the City of Toronto and Toronto Transit Commission are joining The Regional Municipality of York as co-proponents of this project.



The Transit Project is an underground 6.5 km, 6 subway station extension of the Yonge Street Subway from its terminus at Finch Station to a proposed terminus at Richmond Hill Centre. Stations are proposed at Cummer Avenue/Drewry Avenue, Steeles Avenue, Clark Avenue, Royal Orchard Boulevard, Longbridge Road/Langstaff Road and Richmond Hill Centre. An intermodal bus terminal and passenger pickup and dropoff facility are proposed for Steeles Station.

The Transit Project follows the Yonge Street right-of-way from Finch Station to south of Highway 407. Alternative alignments from south of Highway 407 to Richmond Hill Centre are being examined. The subway tunnels cross under Hydro One's high voltage transmission corridor which parallels Highway 407. A commuter parking lot, as well as passenger pickup and dropoff facilities are proposed to be located on the Hydro One/Ontario Realty Corporation (ORC) lands south of Highway 407. An easement will be required from Hydro One/ORC as part of the undertaking. It is intended that this project will also address the requirements of the ORC Class Environmental Assessment Process.

The Yonge Subway Extension Transit Project Assessment Process is following Ontario Regulation 231/08, Transit Projects and Greater Toronto Transportation Authority Undertakings (2008). The environmental impact of this Transit Project will be assessed in accordance with the Transit Project Assessment Process as prescribed in Ontario Regulation 231/08.

As part of the Transit Project Assessment Process, an Environmental Project Report is being prepared. Draft technical papers of the report will be available shortly at the two locations listed below and on the project website accessible via **www.vivayork.com**. Public consultation will occur in December 2008 to discuss the Transit Project, potential effects and proposed mitigation measures. Additional information and materials will be posted on the project website as they become available.

Information on the City and TTC involvement and Council decisions on the project are available online at: **www.toronto.ca/involved**

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Driver dies after hitting hydro pole
A 48-year-old man is dead after he drove into a hydro pole at 4 a.m. yesterday on Mayfield Road. Police are seeking witnesses. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

COLIN PERKEL/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Police investigators scour the crime scene at a townhouse complex in Oshawa yesterday after a man went on a knifing rampage at a children's birthday party, killing a mother of three and badly injuring her husband and two of her children.

Shock, horror follow birthday rampage

It was to have been an afternoon of laughter, gifts and birthday cake.

It became a scene of screams and terror and blood.

When it was over, a Glen Street townhouse in south Oshawa was a blood-spattered mess. A woman was dead, her husband and two of their three children were in hospital with stab wounds, and her attacker was shot dead by police.

The province's Special Investigations Unit is probing the police shooting.

"It's devastating to the family," said Dave McLean, the uncle of one of the victims of Saturday's attack. "You can't deal with it."

McLean fought to find words to describe the deadly attack at a young boy's birthday party.

> **"It's devastating to the family. You can't deal with it."**
> Dave McLean, one of the victims' uncle

Of one thing he was certain: Gino Petralia, the 47-year-old Oshawa man who stabbed McLean's nephew and was later killed by a Durham Region police officer, will be vilified forever.

"I hope he rots in hell," McLean said as chill winds whipped across the asphalt.

Rick and Leslie Kelly lived in the townhouse with their sons Nathan, 3, Riley, 5, and Brandon, 11, who acquaintances said marked his birthday last Wednesday. It was his birthday that was being celebrated on Saturday, they said.

Also living with the family was 13-year-old Steven McLean, whose father was Petralia.

Steven was also the half-brother of Rick Kelly. Their mother, who bore the two sons from different fathers, died from cancer in August and the Kellys took Steven in to raise as their own.

According to some family acquaintances, the custody arrangement enraged Petralia, who they said was treated for mental issues in recent months.

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Memorials held for Mumbai deaths

SERVICES Emblazoned on the front entranceway of Brampton's Hindhu Sabha Temple is a simple, hopeful slogan: "World Is One Family."

A basic tenet of the Hindu faith, that simple phrase seemed as much a plea as a motto yesterday, as the Hindu Federation of Canada convened a pan-religious service here meant to serve as both a memorial to the 183 people killed in this week's terrorist attacks in Mumbai — and a reminder that violence only begets violence.

Among the speakers were prominent members of the Muslim community, including Habeeb Alli of the North American Muslim Foundation. "We must remember, when we see acts of terror in the world," Habeeb said, "that it is an act of one's inclination, not necessarily their religion."

In Thornhill yesterday, Sharma's sentiments were echoed in another memorial service at the Ontario headquarters of Chabad Lubavitch, the Jewish sect whose rabbi was killed by the terrorists. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

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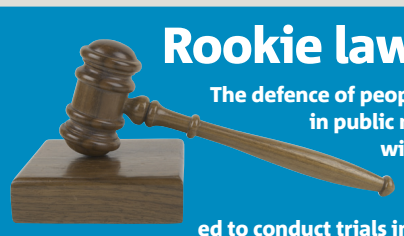

Rookie lawyers in over their heads: Report

The defence of people charged in some of Ontario's biggest criminal cases — as well as millions in public money — is being placed in the hands of unseasoned junior lawyers, some with less than four years experience, a new report says. More than half of all legal aid certificates issued in complex criminal cases are going to lawyers who have been practising fewer than 10 years and lack the judgment needed to conduct trials in a focused manner, according to the report. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Mumbai shootings resembled Die Hard: Canadian

A Montreal actor who was wounded in last week's Mumbai terror attacks described finding himself in the midst of a real-life "Bruce Willis Die Hard moment" as he came under a hail of gunfire.

"My arm ... just exploded into red." Michael Rudder

"My arm ... just exploded into red," Michael Rudder said as he described the beginnings of the siege in a CBC TV interview that aired yesterday. "It was like a scarecrow arm inside of a second ... While I was taking that in, I got a bullet in my leg."

Rudder dived to the floor of the Oberoi hotel restaurant just as a third bullet hit him in the buttocks and a fourth one grazed his head.

"I just laid there in utter shock for quite a long time," he said in the interview, which he gave from his hospital bed in Mumbai.

Two of the friends he was dining with were killed in the attacks, which claimed the lives of 174 people, including two Canadians.

One of the Canadians killed was Montreal physician Dr. Michael Moss. The second Canadian killed has been identified as Elizabeth Russell, Moss' wife. Russell's daughter, Anne Russell, confirmed yesterday that her mother died alongside her partner of 20 years. THE CANADIAN PRESS

SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

New Democrat MP Thomas Mulcair speaks yesterday during a press conference on Parliament Hill in Ottawa. The NDP says it may pursue criminal charges after the Conservatives covertly listened in, taped and distributed audio of a closed-door NDP strategy session.

Coalition chatter

Opposition parties looking at all the options

The New Democrats and Liberals are laying the groundwork for a coalition government that plans to be in power for a "longer term, not short term," NDP Leader Jack Layton says.

"What we really want is just to get Harper out and get the new group in because it's going to be a hell of a lot better for everything we believe in," Layton told NDP MPs during a conference call Saturday.

A transcript of the conference call was released yesterday by the Conservatives, who were able to eavesdrop as Layton briefed his caucus members.

Layton says he has been in touch Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion and Bloc Québécois Leader Gilles Duceppe "frequently every day" as party officials huddle to hammer out the details of their partnership.

The NDP didn't dispute the transcript released by the Conservatives but said they are looking at pursuing legal action against those who covertly taped the meeting.

The discussion offers a window into the intense and private discussion that have been ongoing since last week to lay the groundwork for an NDP-Liberal coalition government, backed by the Bloc, to replace the Conservatives.

By the end of the weekend, Layton said he was confident the three parties would have reached agreement on the "machinery of government ... and an agreement on policy program for the coalition." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Opponents charge Charest's spouse is riding in luxury

DECISION Jean Charest's political rivals branded the Liberal leader as arrogant yesterday amid reports that Quebec provincial police have bought a luxury vehicle for his spouse.

Jean Charest

Charest said police made the decision to buy a Toyota Lexus for Michele Dionne and that he had nothing to do with it.

"The SQ (Surete du Quebec) makes these kinds of decisions because they involve security," the premier said as he campaigned in his home riding of Sherbrooke ahead of next Monday's provincial election.

Charest said every premier's spouse has had a vehicle ever since the days of Corinne Cote-Levesque, Rene Levesque's wife. Dionne is entitled to a bodyguard, who doubles as a chauffeur.

Le Journal de Montreal also reported that Charest recently ordered two other Lexus vehicles as his limousines. THE CANADIAN PRESS

News in brief

HUNT Sealers on Canada's East Coast say they could be pushed out of the annual hunt and their industry devastated if Ottawa toughens regulations in response to a deadly accident in heavy ice last March.

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NDP woos supporters

Federal and provincial NDP leaders are rallying supporters to get behind a party they say will come to the forefront once again.

Outgoing Ontario leader Howard Hampton told party members and supporters last night that as the province's economy suffers from the effects of "unregulated greed," more and more people will turn to the New Democrats.

He says it's a good time for the party to rebuild itself. Ontarians and Canadians need the NDP, he says, because it's the only party looking to do the right thing.

He said federal party Leader Jack Layton is right to challenge the ruling Conservatives for failing to offer any real stimulus to boost the sagging economy.

Layton himself congratulated Hampton for his time as leader, speaking at the leader's levee over the phone from Ottawa.

He said the NDP will stand up against Prime Minister Stephen Harper's "wrong-headed, inept policies" and take actions that people can get behind.

Yesterday's event was Hampton's last major address to party members as leader. THE CANADIAN PRESS

The helm

- Howard Hampton steps down in March after more than a decade at the helm of the NDP.

Meteorite **Fiery rock found frozen in pond**

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University of Calgary graduate student Ellen Milley poses with one of about 12 fragments of a 10-tonne meteorite she found frozen in a small pond approximately 40 kilometres from Lloydminster, Sask., Friday, several days after the space rocks created a massive fireball crossing the sky on Nov. 20. The pieces are owned by the owner of the land on which they were found. Under Canadian law, meteorites may be bought and sold, but a federal permit is required to export them.

Ottawa backpedals on sharing database

Ottawa has quietly dropped plans to let the United States house a database of personal information about Canadians who hold special driver's licences aimed at better securing the border.

The move follows criticism from federal and provincial privacy commissioners, who warned the scheme could open the door to abuse of the sensitive data. However, the office of federal Privacy Commissioner Jennifer Stoddart is still wary of the plan to share information on so-called enhanced driver's licences with the United States, and stresses the passport is still the ideal travel document for Canadians.

British Columbia has launched a pilot project to test the enhanced licences, and Ontario said it would usher them in, along with special photo ID cards for people without a valid driver's licence.

The new cards contain a radio frequency tag that can be scanned at the border, transmitting a number that identifies the traveller, allowing the border agent to call up the person's information on a screen.

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Border

- As of next June under Washington's Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative, all people entering the U.S. must have a passport or other secure documentation confirming citizenship and identity.

Canadian Big 3 given deadline

BAILOUT The federal and Ontario governments have set a deadline of Dec. 5 for the Detroit Three automakers to provide detailed financial information and a restructuring plan for their Canadian operations.

General Motors, Ford and Chrysler have all pleaded for substantial financial aid to stave off bankruptcy and avert the loss of hundreds of thousands of jobs.

The letter, signed by federal Industry Minister Tony Clement and Ontario Economic Development Minister Michael Bryant, asks the Canadian automakers to reveal their production plans, including how they will "ensure" that energy efficient cars are being made in Canada.

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Russian cargo ship docks with International Space Station

A modernized Russian cargo ship has brought holiday gifts and vital supplies to the International Space Station. The unmanned Progress M-01M docked safely with the station on schedule, delivering propellant, oxygen and water as well as equipment and hardware and personal items. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

World

Chavez seeks indefinite re-election

Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez asked supporters to propose a constitutional reform that would allow him to seek indefinite re-election and govern through 2019. Chavez, who was first elected in 1998, is barred from running again when his term expires in 2013. Venezuelan voters last year rejected constitutional changes that would have ended presidential term limits, with many of Chavez's opponents warning that he intends to be president for life. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Residents of Mumbai hold a candlelight ceremony and protest yesterday.

Israel tones down criticism of India's handling of siege

SECURITY Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert said yesterday he was pleased with India's co-operation throughout the deadly Mumbai attacks, toning down criticism voiced by Israeli security experts of India's handling of the standoff.

Speaking at the weekly meeting of his cabinet, Olmert said there had been "proper and correct co-operation" with India throughout the crisis. Olmert said there was "no doubt" the attacks targeted Jewish institutions.

Seven of the rampage's 174 victims were killed at Mumbai's Chabad House, a Jewish centre targeted by the assailants. The Israeli Foreign Ministry said the dead included four Israelis and Jews from the U.S. and Mexico.

The seventh victim still had not been identified, and one Israeli in Mumbai was still unaccounted for, the ministry said.

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Explosions rock Thailand

Attackers set off explosions at anti-government protest sites yesterday, wounding 51 people and raising fears of widening confrontations in Thailand's worst political crisis in decades, which has strangled its economy and shut down its main airports.

The explosions hit the prime minister's compound, which protesters have held since August, an anti-government television station and a road near the main entrance to Bangkok's domestic airport, which the protesters are also occupying. At least 51 people were hurt, including four seriously, officials said.

No one claimed responsibility, but Suriyasai Katasila, a spokesman for the protest group, blamed the government.

Thousands of government supporters gathered, meanwhile, in the heart of Bangkok for a rally denouncing the protesters, further inflaming tensions.

The rally was designed to show support for Prime Minister Somchai Wongsawat, who has appeared helpless in ending the crisis that has stranded up to 100,000 travellers, including dozens of Canadians, brought the key tourism industry to a virtual standstill and affected plane schedules worldwide.

The protesters, who call themselves the People's Alliance for Democracy, overran Suvarnabhumi airport, the country's main international gateway, last Tuesday. They seized the domestic airport a day later, severing the capital from all commercial air traffic and virtually paralyzing the government.

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Seeking a resignation

- The People's Alliance for Democracy says it will not give up until Prime Minister Somchai Wongsawat resigns, accusing him of being a puppet of ousted prime minister Thaksin Shinawatra, the alliance's original target.

Global AIDS crisis overblown, some experts say

HEALTH As World AIDS Day is marked today, some experts are growing more outspoken in complaining that AIDS is eating up funding at the expense of more pressing health needs.

They argue that the world has entered a post-AIDS era in which the disease's spread has largely been curbed in much of the world, except Africa.

Roger England of the think-tank Health Systems Workshop argues that UNAIDS, the United Nations agency leading the fight against the disease, has outlived its purpose and should be disbanded.

"The global HIV industry is too big and out of control. We have created a monster with too many vested interests and reputations at stake," he wrote in the British Medical Journal in May.

England argues that closing UNAIDS would free up its $200-million US annual budget for other health problems such as pneumonia, which kills more children every year than AIDS, malaria and measles combined.

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Iraq, Iran swap bodies of 1980-88 war dead
Iraqi and Iranian troops have exchanged the bodies of 241 soldiers killed during an eight-year war between the two countries. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Swiss likely to support legal heroin program

Projections say Swiss voters have overwhelmingly supported a pioneering program giving government-authorized heroin to hardened addicts.

Projections from state-owned television based on actual voting returns today indicate that 69 per cent of voters approve making the program permanent.

It has been credited with reducing crime and improving the health and daily lives of addicts since it began 14 years ago.

Parliament has already approved the measure, but conservatives challenged the decision and forced a national referendum.

Supporters say the heroin program has helped eliminate scenes of large groups of drug users shooting up openly in parks that marred cities in the '80s and '90s. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Israel to free 250 Palestinian prisoners as goodwill move

MIDDLE EAST The Israeli government has approved the release of 250 Palestinian prisoners as a goodwill gesture ahead of a Muslim festival next week.

Government spokesman Mark Regev says the release is meant to strengthen peace talks with the government of Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas.

Israel has been holding peace talks with Abbas for the past year, while shunning the rival Hamas militant group's government in the Gaza Strip.

All prisoners set to be freed are members of Abbas's Fatah party. Israel holds more than 9,000 Palestinian prisoners.

The Israeli cabinet formally approved the planned release yesterday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Release date

- A date for the release of the prisoners was not given, but it is expected to take place before the Muslim holiday of Eid al-Adha on Dec. 8.

Hijacked ship may be released soon

PIRACY A shipping expert says a ransom agreement has been reached for a hijacked Ukrainian freighter laden with battle tanks and the ship could be released within days.

Mikhail Voitenko, who says he is a spokesman for the owner of the NV Faina, says negotiations were held Friday with pirates who seized the ship off Somalia's coast.

He would not give the amount of the agreed ransom, but suggested it is far lower than the initial $20 million US demand. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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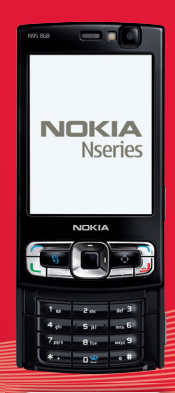

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Impulse buyers unite

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Anne Hines

Today, I reveal a deep dark secret. Not about being gay. I talk about that all the time.

When I first came out, I felt compelled to tell everyone. It led to some odd conversations such as, "Well, we were discussing global warming, but that's very interesting, Anne."

I've also already owned up to having a transgendered daughter, an ex-husband and limited housekeeping skills.

What I want to confess is this. Yesterday, I … I bought … something.

Nothing illegal. And nothing kinky. Though I've often thought, "If God meant us to have interpersonal relationships, he wouldn't have given us batteries."

What I bought was … a birdbath heater.

This is the latest thing in urban wild bird care.

A small electrical unit that keeps water from freezing so the birds can drink all winter.

I don't know what they did before this. Maybe went to Starbucks.

I know, we're not supposed to be buying more gadgets that use electricity.

I figure I'll balance my carbon footprint by unplugging something non-essential.

Not the IPod charger or the PVR, I use those. Maybe my oven.

I also realize that in these difficult economic times a birdbath heater might be considered to be a ridiculously extravagant purchase.

But there's a simple thumb for determining what falls into that category. Sensible, reasonable discretionary items are what we buy for ourselves.

"It's time to come out of the closet. If you've purchased a Bread-o-Matic or Butt Master Supreme, there's likely no room left in there for you anyway."

Ridiculous and extravagant ones are what other people buy.

I had an excellent reason for buying this heater. It makes me happy.

And, frankly, anyone who says you can't buy happiness has never been to a really good shoe sale.

In fact, I say, "Impulse buyers of the world unite."

It's time to come out of the closet. If you've purchased a Bread-o-Matic or Butt Master Supreme, there's likely no room left in there for you anyway.

E-mail me the most useless, frivolous item you've purchased and I'll share your story in a future column. Proudly. Without mocking. At least not to your face.

And let's remind those "I-only-buy-what's-on-the-list" shoppers that, without impulse buyers, there would be no trashy magazines to peruse at the checkout counter.

No mini flashlight/key chain/laser printers. And what would the world be without Chia Pets and fuzzy dice?

A little less tacky, sure. But, far, far less fun.

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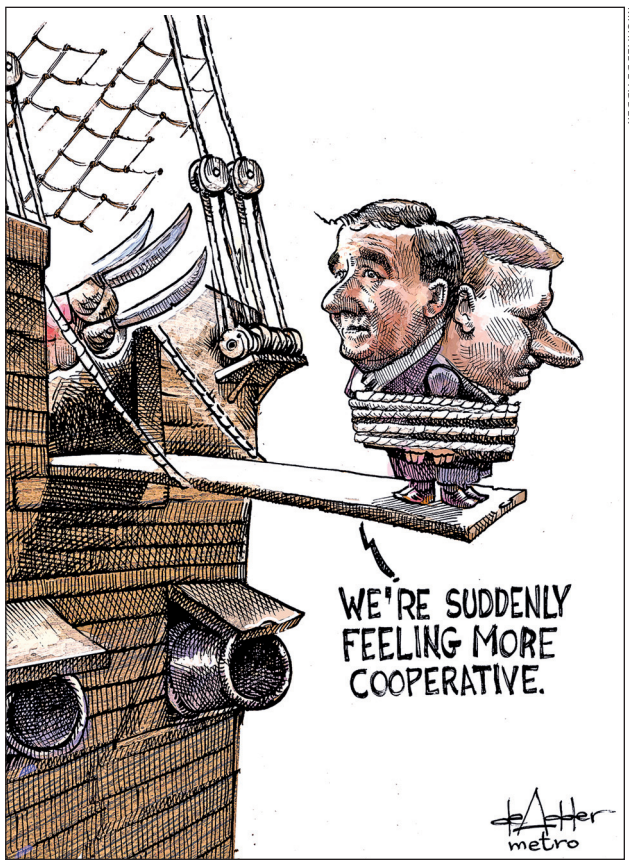

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Views

GTA entering a new era for transit?

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That makes two big moves for transit in just one week.

On Friday, the Metrolinx board unanimously approved a sweeping regional transport plan — only five days after the TTC began its biggest service increase in decades.

With the economy grabbing so much attention, GTA residents may not realize the significance of these two developments.

Indeed, both the regional plan and TTC expansion can only succeed with stable funding — at a time when government revenues are hard to forecast.

Success also depends on individuals doing their part. First, becoming personally informed about new transit lines could ensure these projects don't come as a surprise later on, after the design is complete. Second, we can take advantage of expanded transit service in Toronto and across the GTA. GO Transit is constantly adding extra buses to existing routes as well as launching brand new routes.

The TTC has significantly boosted bus service twice in 2008. Many people across Toronto will find that nearby bus lines, with previously restricted service, now run all day, every day, until around 1 a.m.

This puts a regular bus much closer to each city resident, including those who normally drive, or who only use the TTC for work trips.

Is the message getting out? Transit agencies rarely have the advertising funds to target potential customers along new or improved routes.

So how can we help promote transit where a government agency cannot?

By making sure family members or fellow workers have good information on recent route changes.

Try printing the schedule for your nearest stop and placing it in on the fridge or office bulletin board.

Owners of stores, clubs and eateries can post timetables on their premises so customers know their alternatives to driving.

Ditto for websites — why not provide directions to your location by transit as well as by car?

Transit agencies can facilitate this form of free advertising by promoting the use of official logos and asking businesses to list nearby transit lines or stations in their advertising — both in print and online.

Ed Drass has a degree in urban studies from York University and regularly rides transit in the GTA.

Quick tip

• When will the TTC remove the extra charge on its "premium express" bus routes from the north Toronto area to downtown? TTC head Gary Webster tells In Transit this is expected in September 2009. The Beach express bus is to retain a surcharge. The TTC might want to notify riders now.

Letters

Harper made similar attempt at coalition in '04

Stephen Harper shows how much disdain and contempt he has for Canadians when he tries to fake outrage at opposition party attempts to work together to form a coalition government.

Let us not forget the letter he signed Sept. 9, 2004, (along with Gilles Duceppe and Jack Layton), which urged then-Gov. Gen. Adrienne Clarkson to consult with the opposition parties should the Liberal Paul Martin government fall. Harper asked the Governor General to see if the opposition parties could form a government because they formed a majority in the House.

TREVOR HACHÉ, OTTAWA, ONT.

Angels have more rights than to remain silent

The Hells Angels motorcycle club is not a criminal organization and deserves the same rights as any other person.

In March this year, a landmark ruling by a B.C. judge said that "a full-patch Hells Angels member and two of his associates are not members of a criminal organization."

The trial was a key test of new "federal anti-gang legislation," and if the Hells Angels were deemed a criminal organization, police would have been able to seize their assets.

There are so many urban legends around the Hells Angels. They are an easy target and it is not fair that a "select few" have rights violated.

A recent decision in Alberta has some legal experts saying publicly that it could eventually place limits on the way police try to control the movement of "biker gangs." I maintain that these cases revolve around fundamental rights that all citizens are entitled to, whether they drive motorcycles or not.

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Japan's factory output slide could impact Canadian exports
Production at Japan's vital manufacturers is sinking fast and is on track for its biggest quarterly fall since 1955. That could impact demand for Canadian exports such as minerals, coal, lumber and other raw materials used by Japanese industry. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Business

Foreclosure jobs boom

The housing bust and economic downfalls in the United States has led to a boom in a new type of startup business, cleaning up homes being foreclosed and taken by banks, also known as "real-estate owned" or REOs. The bank typically hires a real estate agent to resell a foreclosed home, but someone has to come in and clean up after the last residents. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Jobless rate to rise as economy weakens

Analysts watching unemployment numbers

There is no quick test to determine when a sick economy crosses the line from slump to deep recession to even depression, but Canadians will know if it happens.

With the exception of the rout in equity markets that began in September, and the fall in commodity prices, most of Canada's economic indicators have held up relatively well, says TD Bank chief economist Don Drummond.

So far. Economic statistics this week, especially today's third-quarter GDP report and Friday's employment statistics, are expected to reflect the deteriorating economy.

"People are definitely afraid and the real bad numbers are yet to come out."
Don Drummond

"People are definitely afraid and the real bad numbers are yet to come out," Drummond said.

Many analysts see the string of not-awful real numbers coming to a quick end this week with the release of the jobs report and new figures for home and auto sales.

"The important figure is the unemployment rate," says Mike McCracken of Infometrica economic research firm. "That is the first test of what is happening in November (after the stock market crash)."

Economists see Canada shedding between 20,000 and 40,000 jobs in November, and they see those numbers as the beginning of a slide that could last two years.

How bad could it get? Very bad.

McCracken says his pessimistic scenario is for Canada to lose 600,000 jobs over the next two years. That's opposed to the about 300,000 jobs growth annually the country had been enjoying.

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Black Friday **Shoppers spend**

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A shopper wheels her shopping cart in a crowded Target store in Bowling Green, Ky., during Black Friday's traditional shopathon. American retailers got a much-needed sales boost as consumers, lured by deep discounts, spent nearly 3 per cent more than they did last year. Sales rose to $10.6 billion US.

OPEC delays decision on output cuts

OPEC held off on announcing new oil output cuts Saturday, but its alarm over falling demand and a slumping economy potentially laid the groundwork for a big reduction when it meets again this month.

Chakib Khelil, Algeria's oil minister and the group's president, said the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries ministers agreed to "take any additional action ... to balance oil supply and demand, and achieve market stability" during their Dec. 17 extraordinary meeting in Oran, Algeria.

Saudi Arabia, the 13-member organization's top exporter, broke with its usual silence about specific prices and cited $75 per barrel as a favourable target. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Browns lose Anderson

Cleveland Browns quarterback Derek Anderson, who was starting in place of Brady Quinn after Quinn's season was ended due to a broken finger, sprained his left leg during yesterday's loss to the Colts and may himself be done for the season. Browns coach Romeo Crennel said third-stringer Ken Dorsey would start next week. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Sports

Burress allegedly shoots self, will reportedly be charged

The attorney for New York Giants receiver Plaxico Burress said yesterday he was advised that Burress will be charged with criminal possession of a weapon after accidentally shooting himself in the right thigh. Burress shot himself at a Manhattan nightclub Friday night and was released from a hospital early Saturday, the Giants said. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Bills stymied, Edwards hurt

NFL ROUNDUP

49ers 10 **Bills** 3

For a 49ers team that didn't have much to play for, linebacker Patrick Willis and a suddenly sturdy San Francisco defence certainly did their job as spoilers.

Willis had 14 tackles and a forced fumble in a 10-3 win over Buffalo on Sunday that all but ended the Bills' dwindling playoff hopes.

The Bills (6-6) lost for the fifth time in six games and looked nothing like a team coming off a 54-31 win at Kansas City last weekend.

Buffalo came away with no points on four trips inside the red zone, and also got nothing on two extended drives of 15 plays or longer. The first drive, an 18-play, 85-yarder, ended when Rian Lindell banked a 20-yard field goal attempt off the left upright. The second, a 15-play, 75-yarder, ended when backup quarterback J.P. Losman, pressured by end Ray McDonald, threw an incompletion on fourth-and-2 from the 49ers 7 in the fourth quarter. Losman took over at the start of the second half after starter Trent Edwards was sidelined with a groin injury.

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Bills kicker Rian Lindell reacts to a missed field goal as holder Brian Moorman looks on during Buffalo's 10-3 loss yesterday.

STEELERS 33, PATRIOTS 10

Pittsburgh's NFL-best defence stopped Matt Cassel's two-game offensive surge and pushed New England closer to strange territory: A sideline seat for the playoffs. The Steelers held the Patriots to 267 yards, got two touchdown passes from Ben Roethlisberger and four field goals from Jeff Reed and beat the Patriots 33-10 yesterday. Cassel lost two fumbles and threw two interceptions in the second half and was sacked five times after throwing for at least 400 yards in his past two contests.

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Lakers toying with opponents

Watching the Los Angeles Lakers play basketball can be like watching some cagey cat play with a trapped mouse.

The little rodent gets a step away and gets caught again. It gets batted around but not too seriously. It escapes for a step or two before it's reigned back in.

The Lakers play, they toy and, finally, when the mood strikes, they kill.

It's happened like that a few times for the Lakers this season when they've let teams build leads only to turn on a switch and come roaring back to win, when they've allowed opponents to feel good about themselves before turning on some unseen switch and pulling out a victory. It's not a perfect way to play by any means but when you've got as much confidence as the Lakers have, and possess an abundance of talent throughout the roster, it's okay to get away with a little in-game lapse now and then.

Lamar Odom and Kobe Bryant are having fun winning.

"It's good to know every game is winnable," Lamar Odom of the Lakers told the media after the team practiced here Saturday. "So we're down 10 with six minutes left, seven minutes left, we know that we can come back and win that game."

It may simply be a matter of the Lakers being bored by the humdrum of a regular season. Stacked with talent — their second-stringers would probably be a playoff team in either conference — they took a 13-1 record into a late game last night against the Raptors, they were 8-1 at home to start the night and had won six straight.

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For a complete recap of last night's Raptors/Lakers game, visit us online at metronews.ca/sports.

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Burke wants 'black and blue hockey'

Brian Burke believes he was made for this market. After landing in the "centre of the hockey universe" on Saturday afternoon, the new president and general manager of the Toronto Maple Leafs couldn't have looked any more at home.

"I like the pressure that's put on the team," said Burke. "The pressure that's on the players and the coach and the general manager to me is a positive thing. I'm thrilled to be back in Canada working."

He showed flashes of his quick wit and intense passion while speaking for roughly eight straight minutes about what elements he believes a winning hockey team needs to have.

"We require as a team proper levels of pugnacity, testosterone, truculence and belligerence."
Brian Burke

Toughness will be in every player's job description on a team that Burke expects to play "black and blue hockey."

"We require as a team proper levels of pugnacity, testosterone, truculence and belligerence," he said. "That's how our teams play."

Now that Burke has taken office, interim GM Cliff Fletcher will assume a consultant role. Burke says the veteran hockey executive will have a job with the team as long as he wants one. "Everyone's going to get a chance here to show that they want to be part of things and do it my way," said Burke.

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Brian Burke, right, alongside MLSE CEO Richard Peddie, was introduced to the Toronto media on Saturday afternoon.

His way or the highway — that's the how the next chapter in Leafs history is going to play out.

Burke phoned Toronto Raptors president and GM Bryan Colangelo before accepting the position to make sure he's been given the proper autonomy by the board of governors and was satisfied with the response.

Richard Peddie, the CEO of Maple Leaf Sports and Entertainment, believes that Burke and Colangelo represent the best management tandem the company has ever had.

He and respected sports lawyer Gord Kirke started searching for John Ferguson's predecessor in January and identified Burke as one of the top candidates right from the beginning.

Burke meanwhile doesn't expect to see Mats Sundin in a Toronto Maple Leafs sweater this season.

He spoke with Sundin recently and came away from that meeting thinking that the Swede was hoping to join a contender.

"I don't think we fit the profile he is looking for," Burke said.

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Choi wins Skins Game, Ames second

K.J. Choi holed an 11-foot birdie putt worth $270,000 US on the 18th hole yesterday to win the 26th Skins Game with $415,000. Calgary's Stephen Ames, who finished with $250,000, missed a nine-footer that would have tied the hole and forced the foursome including Phil Mickelson and Rocco Mediate into a playoff. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Skiing **Second for Canuck**

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John Kucera of Canada celebrates his silver-medal performance yesterday following the men's Super-G World Cup alpine ski race in Lake Louise, Alta.

Chelsea loss tightens race

Chelsea relinquished ground in the Premier League title race yesterday after being upset 2-1 by Arsenal, enabling defending champion Manchester United to close the gap to five points with a 1-0 victory over Manchester City.

Liverpool, which is tied with Chelsea atop the standings on 33 points, can take the outright lead when it plays West Ham today. Robin van Persie scored twice in four second-half minutes after Arsenal defender had scored an earlier own-goal, as Chelsea manager Luiz Felipe Scolari lost his second home match of the season — which his two predecessors never experienced. Chelsea has taken just one point at home against the other members of England's so-called "Big Four" and has to visit Manchester United, Liverpool and Chelsea in the second half of the season.

The Red Devils had Cristiano Ronaldo sent off but Wayne Rooney's goal clinched victory in the 150th Manchester derby.

Rooney ended a six-week goal drought as the European champions took on their neighbours for the first time since Man City was bought by a wealthy group from the United Arab Emirates. The England striker tapped in his 100th club goal in the 42nd after goalkeeper Joe Hart had spilled Michael Carrick's shot from a tight angle.

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Chelsea's Salomon Kalou, left, and Arsenal's Francesc Fabregas battle yesterday.

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Sports in brief

SPEEDSKATING Canadian Oliver Jean skated to gold in the men's 500m on the final day of the World Cup short-track speedskating event in China yesterday. The men's relay team of Jean, Charles Hamelin, Francois Hamelin and Michael Gilday won the silver in the 5,000m relay. The United States won gold and China took bronze.

NHL The Dallas Stars acquired defenceman Andrew Hutchinson from the Tampa Bay Lightning yesterday, trading away the rights to winger Lauri Tukonen, who plays in Europe. Hutchinson is scoreless in two appearances with Tampa Bay this season. He has a goal and 13 assists in 20 games this season with the Norfolk Admirals of the AHL.

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Two sides of the 'pond'

The Green Guide To David Suzuki's Nature Challenge notes European pedestrian cities have less than 10 per cent of their land devoted to transportation, while North American cities devote up to 50 per cent or more of urban land to roads and parking, according to Greeniology: How To Live Well, Be Green And Make A Difference by Tanya Ha. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Leadership crucial in coming years

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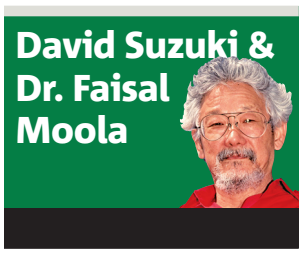

It's an understatement to say that we are living in interesting times. The world seems to be undergoing a profound shift. On one hand, the looming environmental and economic crises are scaring many of us; on the other, events such as the election of the first African-American president in the U.S. are giving people hope.

We shouldn't let unrealistic expectations set us up for disappointment, but at least Barack Obama seems to have recognized that new ideas are needed to resolve the problems facing the world, and to seize the opportunities the crises present.

In a speech to the Governors' Climate Change Summit in Los Angeles on Nov. 18, the U.S. president-elect referred to climate change as the most serious threat facing America and the world, and said, "My presidency will mark a new chapter in America's leadership on climate change that will strengthen our security and create millions of new jobs in the process."

Although Obama's proposed targets don't go far enough to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, they are at least acknowledgement of the seriousness of the problem and represent a reversal of the Bush administration's attitude. His promise to implement a cap-and-trade system is a good step. Economists and scientists agree that putting a price on carbon emissions, through cap-and-trade and carbon taxes, is essential to combating catastrophic global warming.

It's a shame the top two contenders for leadership of the Liberal Party in Canada have stepped away from the idea of a carbon tax, blaming it for the party's dismal showing in the October federal election. Our governing party hasn't demonstrated great leadership either. Along with the U.S., Canada has been a laggard among industrialized nations on climate policy and action, and now it looks like we could soon be the worst of the dinosaurs. But Obama won't be sworn in until Jan. 20, and a lot is happening now. CEOs of the big three U.S. automakers — Ford, Chrysler, and General Motors — recently flew to Washington in private jets to ask for a $25-billion US bailout from taxpayers. They've been told to come up with better plans, but those plans will be considered in early December, before Obama takes the reins. Keep in mind that current U.S. President George W. Bush overruled California's attempt to require stricter emissions standards for automobiles.

Should we have sympathy for free-market capitalists like GM vice-chair Bob Lutz, who claimed climate change is a "crock of ..." and that hybrid cars such as those made by Toyota "make no economic sense," while his company continued to produce gas-guzzlers? Meanwhile, Japanese automakers are doing OK with more fuel-efficient vehicles such as hybrids.

The U.S. and the world have a lot of catching up to do to forestall the catastrophic consequences of our outmoded economic thinking. Let's hope the new U.S. president is up to the challenge and that he helps set an example for all world leaders to follow.

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Dr. David T. Suzuki is a Vancouver-based award-winning scientist, environmentalist and broadcaster.

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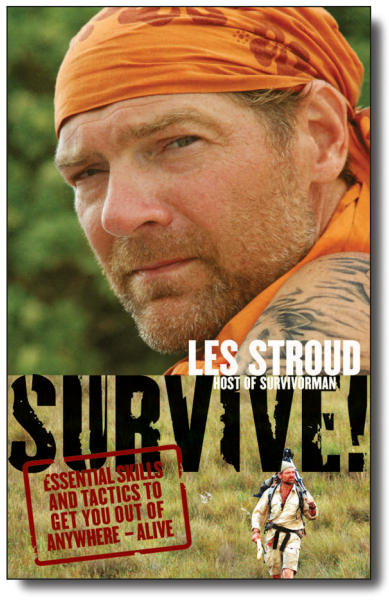

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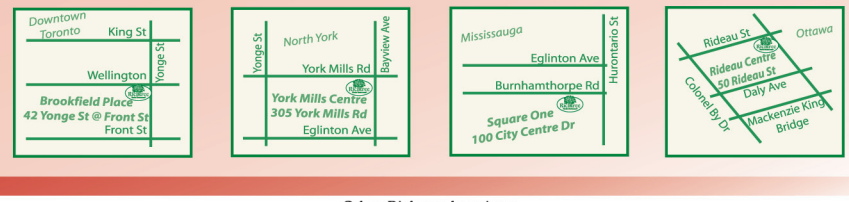

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$10 Million for UVic

The University of Victoria officially opened its new climate-change research building. The $67-million facility will be known as the Bob Wright Centre, Ocean, Earth and Atmospheric Sciences Building, named after sportfishing entrepreneur Bob Wright, who contributed $10 million to it. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Photos that make a difference

Medical photographer focuses lens on burns, injuries, surgeries and abuse

OddJobs

Diane Peters

Pat Marston spends her workday behind the lens of her camera or at her computer, tweaking photographs using Photoshop. In that way, she's like many other professional photographers.

The big difference: Instead of posing brides or wide-angling landscapes, she points her lens at burns, surgeries and abuse scars.

As a medical photographer with the University of Alberta Hospital for the last 27 years, Marston, 57, uses her lens when anyone at the organization needs to preserve an image.

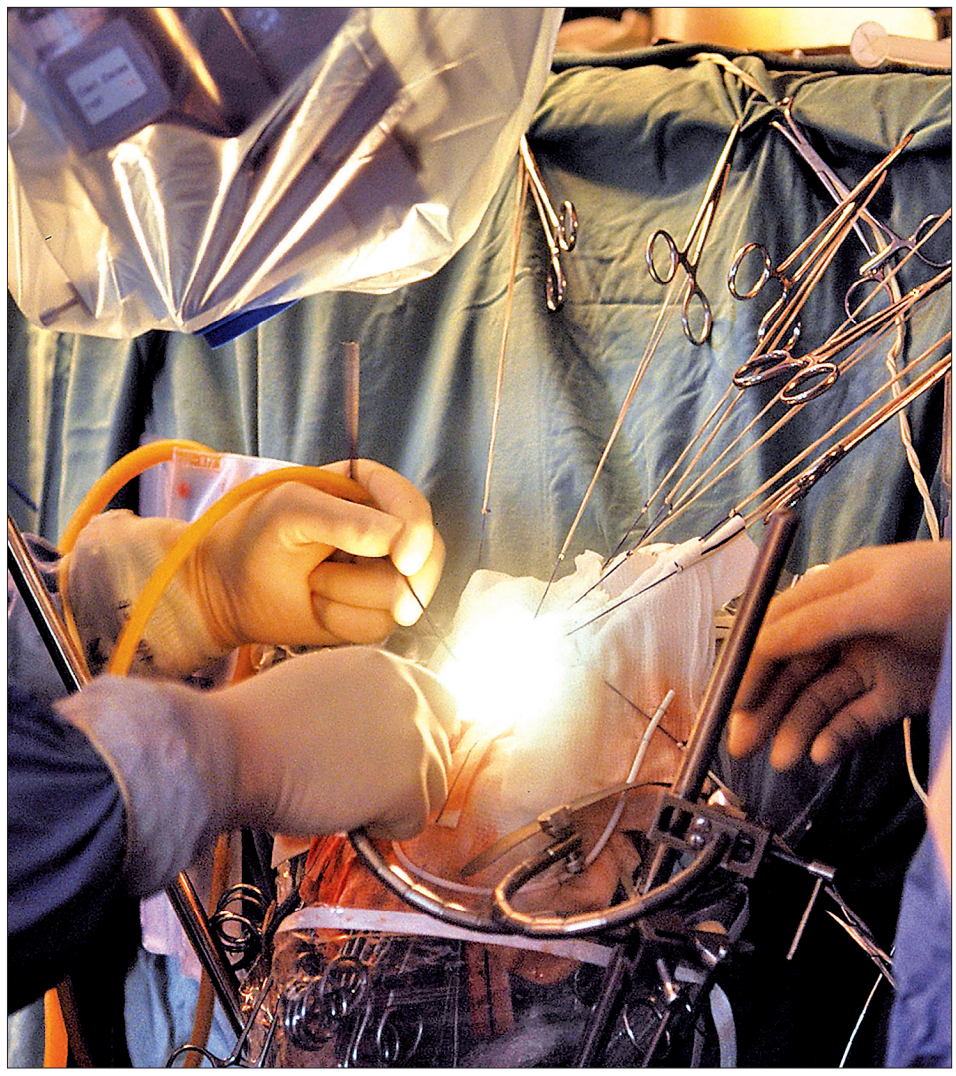
"They page us and we ask: 'When do you need us?' and they say: 'Now.'" She photographs wounds when the dressings are down for the patient's chart and to track how it's healing. She zooms in on the scars of child abuse and rape victims. She documents medical innovations and research — this is a teaching hospital — often snapping shots in the middle of surgery. She clicks her shutter at new medical equipment for the hospital's records, and takes pictures of donors shaking hands with staff for the hospital's foundation.

Growing up in Saint John, New Brunswick, Marston assumed she'd become a nurse until she got interested in art and photography in high school. She moved to Calgary after graduation and worked at the Holy Cross Hospital as a ward aid to save money to study photography at the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology. One day at work, she saw guy going around the emergency room with a camera.

"I thought to myself: perfect," she recalls. She got her diploma and worked as a summer student at the University of Alberta Hospital for two years, doing medical photography.

After graduation, she set up a photography studio with her husband outside Edmonton and waited for a job at the hospital to come up.

It finally did a few years later, in 1981, and she's been there ever since, working as part of a two-person crew.



PAT MARSTON PHOTO

A look at what's involved in neurosurgery.

Most days she has a scheduled shoot or two, but has no idea in the morning what she'll be photographing that day. When her pager goes off, she dashes up to the ward in question because it's at the right point in the surgery or a burn victim has just came in.

If her lights or other equipment fails, she has to think fast to fix the problem, because she's got just minutes to make her shot. And the pictures are challenging. Some, like the gory gunshot wounds or the dying premature babies, are hard emotionally.

More often it's technically tough. "When you're shooting deep into a cavity, you have to get the right angle without touching anything. And you're standing on a stool and someone's hanging onto your shirt so you don't fall in."

Diane Peters once hawked magic pens at the Canadian National Exhibition. She's now a writer and part-time journalism instructor.

The Lowdown

Job title: Medical photographer

Education/training: A photography diploma or degree; specialized degree from the U.K. or Europe

Best Part of the Job: "Doing work that has a purpose."

Worst Part of the Job: "The sad things: Seeing the child abuse, the accidents that were probably preventable."

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Arbitrator rules on University of Ottawa access to faculty documents

An arbitrator upheld the Association of Professors of the University of Ottawa's objection to the university's directive to staff to release their records and files. In 2006, uOttawa advised faculty that they had to provide copies of all their documents that referenced a certain professor or graduate student. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

College & University 2009

Invoking discussion in style

U of T student hopes to move fashion forward with magazine

Post Secondary

BRIAN COULTON
for Metro Canada

Page 13: High fashion meets Hegel. Page 29: Vintage garments against Gothic architecture. Page 65: Rock'n'roll runway?

It may sound like the couture contents of the latest Vogue, but these aren't stories ripped from the pages of a posh glossy. They're threads that form the fabric of a new University of Toronto student's periodical that aims to cross a-lines with academia.

"We like to call ourselves a 'journazine', in that we have fashion, as you would see in a magazine like Vogue or Harper's Bazaar, but we take a scholarly approach," says Lydia Guo.

She's the 20-year-old creator and editor-in-chief of VERVE magazine, financed by the University of Toronto Students' Union, which released its inaugural issue last week. Compiled by a team of 20 students, mainly from U of T with the exception of a few from Ryerson University, the biannual VERVE self-proclaims to be "academics focalized through fashion."

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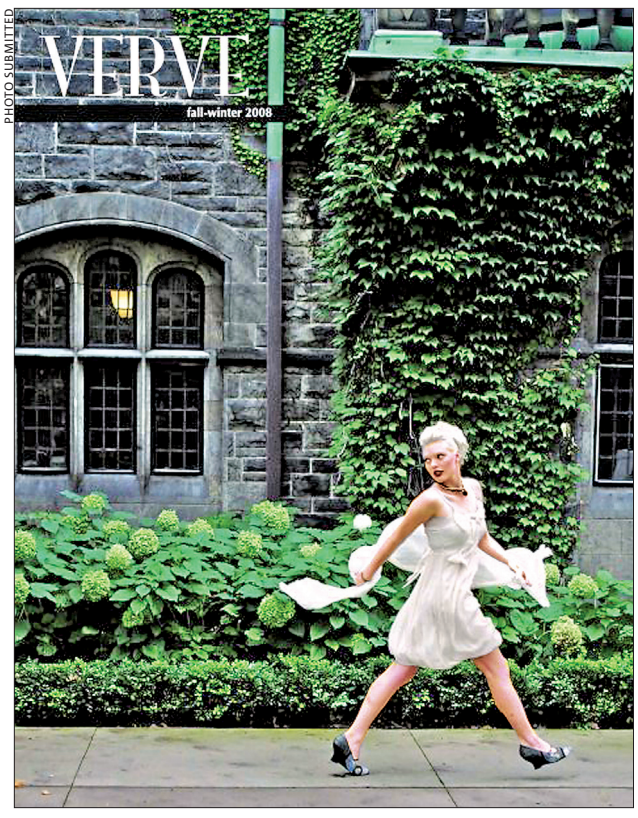
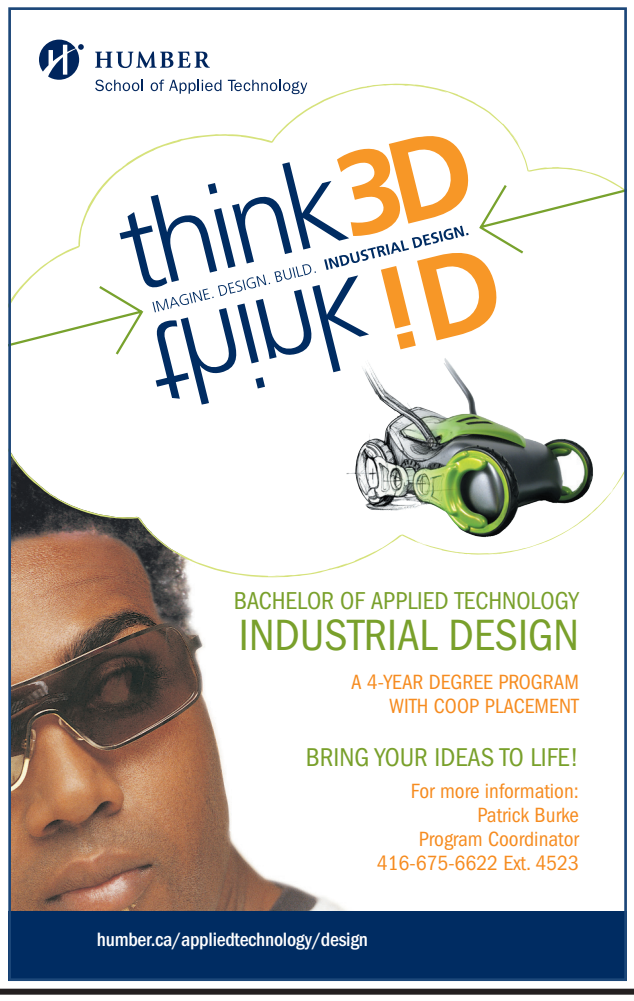


The inaugural issue of VERVE magazine.

On newsstands now

- The fall-winter 2008 issue of VERVE magazine is now available at various locations across the campuses of University of Toronto and Ryerson.



Guo, in her third year of English literature at U of T, says she thinks VERVE will appeal to a greater audience than traditional magazines or journals because it taps into students' contrasting academic pursuits.

For students interested in any number of subjects from philosophy to art and architecture, Guo says, "VERVE would be something where they could direct their interest, but in a non-academic way."

Aside from runway reviews, interviews and fashion photo shoots, the debut VERVE contains stories from a profile of designer Liz Claiborne's corporate side to one that relates 18th century commerce to fashion.

However, Guo asserts VERVE isn't motivated by asking readers to observe fashion in a drastically different way. She maintains they want to argue fashion is as much influenced by scholarly fields of study as anything else.

"Our articles, for the most part, have an argument implicit in them. Even if it's not as structured as an academic essay, there is an argument. From that, I think you can always stir up debate. We just want to generate talk about fashion in a particular way."

VERVE magazine has got people talking at the Bank of Montreal. While the publication is presently complimentary and advertising-free, Guo says VERVE has had sponsorship discussions with Canada's oldest bank, but nothing is concrete yet.

"We didn't want to saturate (VERVE) with ads, but we are open to sponsorship," says Guo. "We'd like to ground our magazine in real life and what students are interested in, but we'd like to aspire to an ideal to have a publication on its own, doing whatever it wants and not being obligated to satisfy advertisers."

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Lydia Guo editor-in-chief of VERVE melds fashion with argument and discussion.

Bad economy can be opportunity for education

Spending money on school now could save you from being laid off in the future

Post Secondary

JON TATTRIE
for Metro Canada

With the global economic downturn squeezing everybody's pocket, spending thousands of dollar to go back to school may be unappealing, but for some it will be the key to long-term success.

Michael Whalen, vice-president of enrolment at Mount Saint Vincent University, said the impact won't be known until applications start coming in in January.

"We're keeping a very close eye on it, particularly with regard to international students," Whalen said. MSVU recruits a lot of students from developing markets like China. "It seems to have hit (there) significantly more quickly and perhaps harder than it has here in Canada, and (international students) are already paying double tuition."

A lot of people start post-secondary education in economic downturns because they can't get into the job market. Whalen's got a million reasons why earning a university degree is still a good financial move: most studies show it adds $1 million to career earnings compared to high school graduates.

"It's generally the people who have specific job-related skills who weather the storm the best. We find (with) those who are laid off from the manufacturing-sector jobs, it's often an opportunity for them to go back to school."
Vice-president of operations for CompuCollege Debra Johns

Debra Johns, vice-president of operations for CompuCollege, said the downturn could lead people to re-tool in a way that will benefit the college and the students.

"We train students for employment," she explained. "Although there is bad global economic news, there are still all kinds of career opportunities for individuals who have training in specific areas."

The college is actually anticipating an upswing in enrolment. "It's generally the people who have specific, job-related skills who weather the storm the best. We find (with) those who are laid off from the manufacturing-sector jobs, it's often an opportunity for them to go back to school to get the job-skills training they need."

Johns points to shortages in IT workers, executive assistants and healthcare positions in particular. Students often get $40,000-a-year job offers before they've finished training, Johns said, proving the money is well invested.

"Tough economic times are often an opportunity for an individual who's been staying in a job they don't particularly like, but it's a good, steady job and they have families and obligations they need to meet," she said. "Things change and all of a sudden, there isn't that safety net. It's an opportunity for that person to take a look at what it is they would really like to be doing and take advantage of that time to re-tool."

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Second Career options for laid-off workers

Seneca is hosting a Second Career Information Fair today at the Newnham Campus, Senecentre, 1750 Finch Ave. E, from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

The event will showcase the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities' Second Career, which was launched in June 2008 to help laid-off Ontarians identify and train for new careers.

The Honourable John Milloy, Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities and David Zimmer, MPP for Willowdale will be on hand at the event.

Also in attendance will be representatives from Seneca programs, admissions, support services and many other Second Career agencies throughout the Toronto and York Region areas.

Eligible Second Career participants can receive up to $28,000 to help pay for tuition, travel, books and other training costs. The guidelines for Second Career have recently been expanded to include:

- Workers laid off as far back as Jan. 1, 2005.
- Laid-off workers who have taken an interim job to make ends meet.
- Short term training options (less than six months) for laid-off workers who are not eligible for Employment Insurance.
- Potential additional financial assistance to cover expenses for the cost of academic upgrading, living away from home while participating in training, and dependent care.

"In these economic times, it is important to respond to the needs of our community," said Seneca President Dr. Rick Miner. "We have the opportunity to connect people who are in need of assistance with the supports and services necessary to get them back on the path to success."

For more information on how to apply to Second Career visit an Employment Ontario assessment centre, or call 1-800-387-5656 or visit the website: ontario.ca\secondcareer.

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Depp as Bond actor?
Movie legend Sir Roger Moore's memoirs are set to be turned into a Hollywood biopic, with Johnny Depp reportedly slated to play the part of the James Bond actor. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Entertainment

R&B idol

Singers Aretha Franklin and Sean (Diddy) Combs are reportedly launching a new American Idol-style talent show to find R&B and hip-hop stars. **FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK**

EDITOR: TINA COSTANZA, TINA.COSTANZA@METRONEWS.CA

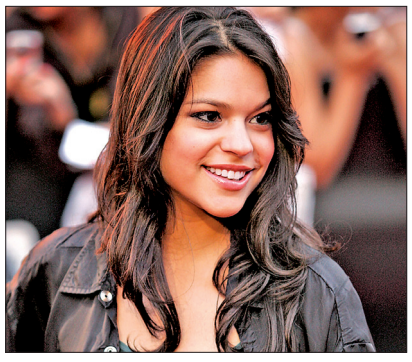
Metro Global Photo Challenge **Canadian takes top prize worldwide**

Editor-in-Chief of Metro English Canada, Dianne Rinehart presents Joel Charlebois the Nikon D700 for his winning Canadian photo entry, Midnight Tram to Humber, in the 2008 Metro Global Photo Challenge. One day later, he found out his photo beat out more than 50,000 entries from across the world to Metro newspapers in 20 countries around the world, and won him a trip for two to Paris and $2,000 CDN spending cash. Look for Joel's international interview in the next few days running in Metro newspapers around the world.

Avila beefs up resumé with Give Me The Music

It may be difficult to tell by looking at her, but Eva Avila loves to eat. She's tiny in the way that only 21-year-old pop stars know how to be. However, Avila's petite frame houses a voracious appetite for fine dining and its subsequent wine pairings.

HEATHER SETKA
for Metro Canada



Singer Eva Avila

"I've always appreciated food," says the Canadian Idol winner from 2006. "But food for me now is an experience.

"If I had time on my hands, I would take a sommelier course."

Culinary school is also one of Avila's backup plans. That is if this whole stardom thing falls through. Although with her record to date of hit singles, a 2007 Juno nomination and a recently released sophomore album, Plan B probably won't be necessary.

The title track from her latest effort Give Me The Music peaked at 21 on Billboard's Canadian Hot 100 in mid-November. And its video — featuring a much sexier Avila changing clothes in the back of a car — sits on the MuchMusic Top 30 Countdown.

"It feels really gratifying," says the Gatineau-raised singer. "I worked really hard on this record." Granted more input than on her first release Somewhere Else, Avila says this time she wrote background vocals and came up with "little licks and ear candy suggestions."

Living in Toronto now, Avila says her new compilation's content reflects her personal growth since Somewhere Else. "I'm more mature, I've grown as a young woman." This is evident, she says, in songs like You Don't Say No, a "wake-up call" for women in poisonous relationships.

"I just want to make people feel emotions," Avila says. She wants to make a difference too.

Avila is now a spokesperson for At My Best. The program encourages kids to exercise, eat well and achieve emotional balance.

"I've always been a healthy person," Avila says. "I'm really proud and honoured to be associated with (At My Best)." Perhaps this new endeavor also ties in her other backup plans should her music career falter: A social worker or teacher.

But it's unlikely Avila will be weighing these options any time soon. "Let's say this album doesn't do well, I'm not going to quit," she says.

"I've always known this is what I was meant to do."

That probably means Canada will be less one sommelier for some time.

In **brief**

NEW TAKE The old Hockey Night in Canada theme song is getting another makeover and this time it's a bluegrass-inspired cover by the Barenaked Ladies. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

BOX OFFICE U.S. Thanksgiving weekend movie crowds gobbled up the Reese Witherspoon and Vince Vaughn holiday comedy Four Christmases, which debuted at No. 1 with $31.7 million, according to studio estimates yesterday. The release raised its total to $46.7 million since opening Wednesday to get a head start on the long weekend. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Streep up for Mamma Mia! sequel — on one condition

Meryl Streep would love to star in a sequel to the movie Mamma Mia!, she said, "as long as you can get those fabulous boys (co-stars) — Pierce Brosnan, Colin Firth, Stellan Skarsgard and Dominic Cooper — back!" FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

Drama takes lead role in this year's Geminis

The gritty cable drama Durham County and the CBC miniseries The Englishman's Boy ruled over the sexy historical series The Tudors at the Gemini Awards on Friday, picking up multiple trophies at a glitzy televised event recognizing the most high-profile categories of the annual Canadian TV love-in.

Durham County, which airs on the Movie Network and Movie Central, earned three awards, including best actor for Justin Louis, best actress for Helene Joy and best direction for Holly Dale. Dale's award was handed out in a non-televised portion just before the gala hit the air on E and Showcase.

Joy said she was thrilled by the win, noting backstage that her challenging role as the cancer-stricken Audrey at times took a toll on her psyche.

"I wasn't doing too well," Joy, a dual citizen of Canada and Australia, said of her early days on the dark and twisted series about a Toronto detective who moves his family to the suburbs and suspects that his neighbour is a serial killer.

"The feeling is that historical Canadian history isn't what Canadian audiences want. It's important for Canadians to hear our own stories ... But for now, it's never been harder to do historial drama in this country."
Producer Kevin DeWalt

"It did affect me badly and I didn't feel so good for a couple of weeks there. But it's a fabulous show that has a great (ending. My character) comes through in the end."

CBC's The Englishman's Boy was named best dramatic miniseries, while its star Nicholas Campbell took the best actor title. Those wins were in addition to four Geminis it picked up at a non-televised ceremony last month.

Producer Kevin DeWalt said he knew from the moment he read Guy Vanderhaeghe's novel, on which the project was based, that he had to put the story on screen. But he says it took him 10 years to gain the clout and financing to do the $12-million production.

"The feeling is that historical Canadian history isn't what Canadian audiences want," DeWalt said backstage, clutching his hardware.

"I think it's important for Canadians to hear our own stories, for us in the West to tell our own stories and particularly in Saskatchewan, (to tell) our Saskatchewan stories. But for now, it's never been harder to do historical drama in this country."

Jonathan Rhys Meyers' King Henry VIII drama The Tudors, also on CBC, was among the big winners at a private ceremony held last month, netting four trophies. It was shut out of the three categories it was nominated in on Friday.

Former 90210 hunk Jason Priestley hosted Friday's star-studded party, garnering laughs in an opening bit that riffed off his fame south of the border and questioned the authenticity of his Canadian citizenship.

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Crystal Shawanda sweeps Aboriginal Music Awards

MUSIC Country music star Crystal Shawanda was the big winner at the 10th annual Canadian Aboriginal Music Awards on Friday, taking home five trophies.

Shawanda — an Ojibwa from the Wikwemikong reserve on Manitoulin Island, Ont. — won every category in which she was nominated, picking up best female artist, best single, best video, best country album, and album of the year for Dawn of a New Day.

The awards, held at the Rogers Centre, recognized excellence in 29 categories.

Four artists were double winners — Eagle and Hawk, Tanya Tagaq, Mitch Daigneault and Alyssa Delbaere-Sawchuk.

The awards featured performances by top artists including Northern Cree and Buffy Sainte-Marie, who was honoured with a lifetime achievement prize.

See the full list of winners at canab.com.

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Thriller The International to kick off Berlin film fest

FILMS German director Tom Tykwer's action thriller The International will kick off the annual Berlin film festival with its world premiere in February.

In the film, actors Clive Owen and Naomi Watts play agents trying to uncover the criminal transactions of a powerful bank.

Festival organizers said Friday the film would be shown out of competition.

Tykwer is best known for the film Run Lola Run. He also directed Perfume two years ago.

British actress Tilda Swinton will head the festival jury. The festival runs Feb. 5-15.

The Berlin event is the first of the year's major European film festivals.

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Rosie Live on last legs
Rosie Live will live no more. Rosie O'Donnell writes on her blog that her NBC variety show won't being continuing. "No ratings. Bad reviews," she wrote. **PEOPLE.COM**

Sunny skies for Weather Network after first 20 years

Suzanne Leonard has been asked to deliver impromptu forecasts in some unusual settings during her decade as a broadcast journalist with the Weather Network.

"I've had not one but two separate occasions of being in the depths of the Algonquin wilderness, portaging my canoe, and I've had somebody stop me on the portage trail and they recognized me," Leonard says with a laugh, noting that despite the odd circumstances, the fans still wanted the scoop on the skies.

"People are crazy about the weather. It makes them crazy, but they're crazy about it as well," concludes Leonard, who hosts the network's midday show.

The Weather Network, based in Oakville, Ont., is marking its 20th anniversary with a series of special on-air reports this month.

Leonard says she gets stopped on the street and asked about the climate "all the time."

"Canadians love talking about the weather."
Suzanne Leonard

"Canadians love talking about the weather," she says.

If the online fan tributes to the network are anything to go by, Canadians are indeed enraptured with atmospheric conditions.

On YouTube, fervent viewers have posted hundreds of forecast clips from the national meteorological channel.

Some YouTube clips even show fans strumming the theme song for the network's local forecasts on their guitars.

Then there's the plethora of Facebook groups devoted to TWN (as it's affectionately referred to by many), not to mention the countless phone calls, emails, photos and letters it receives from fans.

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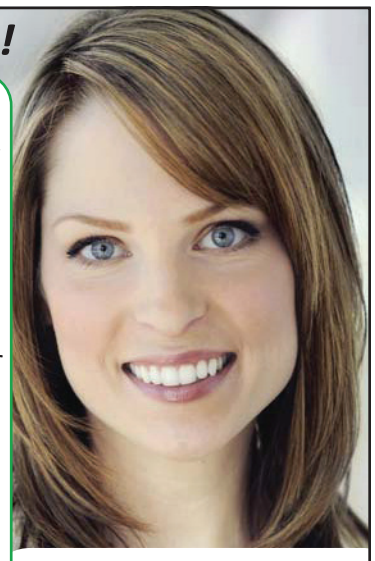

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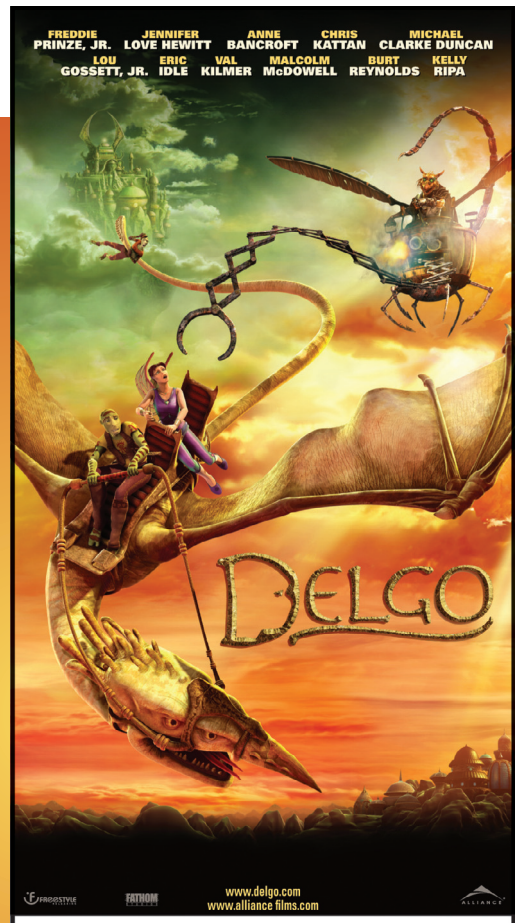

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View regulars get along fine: Walters

TELEVISION So you think the ladies of The View don't get along? Things have never been more cordial, says Barbara Walters, whose weekday ABC talk show pits her against Whoopi Goldberg, Joy Behar, Elisabeth Hasselbeck and Sherri Shepherd to debate hot topics. "I don't know of any five women who get along as well as we do," says Walters.

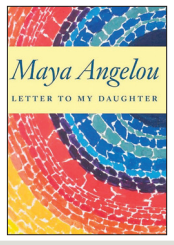
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Trying to escape from the past

Good **Luck**

Author: Whitney Gaskell
Publisher: Bantam Dell
Price: $14.00 (Paperback)

Can $87 million buy Lucy Parker happiness? Wrongly accused of sexually harassing one of her students, the English literature teacher at Andrews Prep is sacked from the only job she ever wanted. Adding insult to injury, she happens upon her boyfriend bedding a blonde the same day. She's dejected and bombarded with media over the school scandal, but her failings turn into fortune when she wins a multi-million dollar lottery. Winnings in hand, she escapes to Palm Beach in an attempt to assume a new identity and evade her crumbling past.



Letter to **My Daughter**

Author: Maya Angelou
Publisher: Random House
Price: $28.00 (Hardcover)

Maya Angelou never had a daughter. But in Letter to My Daughter, her first assemblage of original writing in 10 years, she explores her own life as a daughter and imparts her knowledge and experience to daughters of the world. Angelou describes intimate autobiographical events — such as the passionless first sexual encounter during which she conceived her son — and combines them with poetry to create essays. She addresses topics like spirituality, religion, friendship and fulfillment, and even pokes fun at herself.

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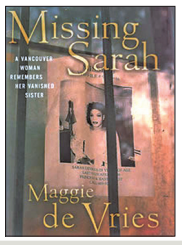

Missing Sarah: **A Memoir of Loss**

Author: Maggie de Vries
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Union developing new show
Gabrielle Union and X-Files writer/producer Frank Spotnitz are reteaming to develop a new series for NBC. Union will star as a detective who must race to save someone's life before it's too late. EW.COM

The downturn in the auto industry has effect on TV

IntelleVision

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.

HAVE YOU DRIVEN A FORD LATELY? NO, SERIOUSLY. The imminent implosion of the U.S. car industry apparently hinges on a $25 billion US bailout they've requested from the government, and the way public opinion is blowing, giving it to them might go down in history with the Smoot-Hawley Tariff Act and prohibition as the most unpopular piece of legislation ever.

(Don't you just love saying Smoot-Hawley? I know I do. I try to work it into conversations at least once a week.)

When they're not spending too much to make cars no one wants to buy, the big carmakers are also one of the biggest segments of the advertising market, paying for campaigns on primetime TV and in practically every magazine on the newsstands.

Ford in particular has been a major sponsor of American Idol over seven seasons of the show, creating bespoke commercials for the show and branding itself all over the show's website.

I wasn't aware how much money the company had spent on their Idol partnership until I read an article last week in Broadcasting & Cable magazine on their dogged determination to maintain the relationship despite withering economic conditions.

Last year's Ford Idol campaign cost $78 million dollars, a substantial chunk of the $328.5 that's been spent by the company since they became the show's main sponsor.

This year's Idol campaign was focused on the unveiling of the 2009 Ford Focus, a stolid and generally uninspiring bit of metal made to show that the company was serious about improving mileage and seriously competing with Japan, though most industry observers say that it's a bit late.

Ford, maintaining their traditional role, is still number two in the ad-buying hierarchy, spending $982.1 million on TV advertising last year to GM's $1.1 billion and Chrysler's $750 million.

Despite their commitment to Idol, Ford will probably join the other automakers next year in cutting their budgets to make it look like they're serious people who can be trusted with $25 billion of public money — stepping up the trimming of advertising buyins, as well as other economies like replacing the single malt and champagne on the corporate jet with Red Bull and juice packs. If the government bailout doesn't happen, however, Idol could find itself losing a major sponsor mid-season, as viewers tune in to find that Idol moments are being brought to you by pizza pops, and that the car part of the winner's prize package has been replaced by a George Foreman Grill.

GlobalStyle

Parisian designer Sonia Rykiel and her daughter Nathalie reflect on 40 years in fashion, exclusively at metronews.ca/globalstyle.

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critics' corner

Corner Gas
Novice musician Brent isn't happy when his guitar teacher makes him realize he's not cool and probably never will be. Wanda starts writing a column for the Howler under an assumed name. Hank takes exercise advice from Karen and winds up competing with Emma in the new episode "Rock Stars." 8:32 PM on CTV

Shrek the Halls
Shrek isn't a Christmas kind of guy, but Fiona loves the holiday, so he goes along — with a little help from Donkey and the rest of the fairy-tale gang. If this special doesn't join Rudolph, Frosty and the Grinch in the pantheon of holiday classics, something's wrong with the world. 8 PM on CTV; ABC

MythBusters
Remember all those gadgets Batman had on his utility belt? They were small yet managed to do amazing things. In this episode about superhero myths, Jamie and Adam examine the feasibility of a portable grappling gun. 8 PM on DIS

LaBeouf named a hunk
Actors Shia LaBeouf, Zac Efron and Robert Pattinson have been named among the Top 10 hunks of 2008 on a list compiled by website ETonline. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

Celebrity Buzz

Amy talking separation

RELATIONSHIPS Singer Amy Winehouse has reportedly met with lawyers to discuss a separation from husband Blake Fielder-Civil, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

Winehouse, who is in hospital, asked her father Mitch to organize the meeting recently, after arguing on the phone with Fielder-Civil, who was recently released from prison.

"She is finally realizing that Blake is bad for her. Amy is now taking the first steps in becoming a single woman again," a source said.

Winehouse was taken to hospital just over a week ago after suffering a seizure caused by the prescription medication she is taking, her spokesman said.

"Amy and Blake had a screaming (argument)," a friend said. "She was beside herself after the call, and she just lost it. She went out and didn't stop until she was on the floor on Sunday. If she carries on, one of these incidents will be her last."

It has been claimed Fielder-Civil, who is now in rehab, is making abusive calls to Winehouse even while she is being treated in hospital. Winehouse recently told friends her marriage is beyond repair, reportedly telling one friend, "It's over. There's no way back for us now. It was never going to last. We were only together for sex."

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Paris-Benji split upsets Nicole

GOSSIP Paris Hilton's best friend Nicole Richie is so upset by the socialite's split from Benji Madden, she's preventing him from meeting any potential new girlfriends, imdb.com reports.

Hilton confirmed her breakup from the Good Charlotte rocker on Nov. 21, when she admitted the couple was "taking a break" after nine months together.

According to Madden's twin and bandmate Joel, who is also Richie's fiancé, Benji has been coping well with the split. But the same can't be said for Richie, who is reportedly doing her best to keep her future brother-in-law single until he can be reunited with Hilton.

A source, who attended a recent launch party for Good Charlotte's new Greatest Remixes album, tells the New York Post's PageSix, "(Richie) has been really possessive and stops him from talking to other girls."

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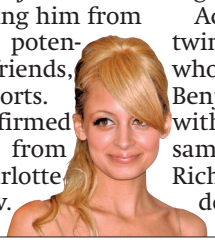

Jovovich to wed Anderson

MARRIAGE Actress Milla Jovovich is preparing to walk down the aisle for the third time, with filmmaker Paul W.S. Anderson, imdb.com reports. The couple became engaged in 2003, but parted ways before reuniting and welcoming their first child last year. And now Jovovich is ready to make their union official, despite having two failed marriages to actor Shawn Andrews and director Luc Besson behind her. "I'd like to organize a private ceremony," she says. "I've done Las Vegas twice and I didn't want to jinx it by doing it again."

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Beckinsale to keep her clothes on

CAREER Kate Beckinsale has vowed to keep her clothes on in movies because she remembers how terrible she felt as a child when her mother bared all onscreen, imdb.com reports. Beckinsale has no plans to put her own daughter Lily through the humiliation she suffered at the hands of cruel school pals. She was taunted when her mom Judy Loe stripped for TV in Britain, when she was 10.

"The mortification of going to school! People said, 'I've seen your mother naked,'" Beckinsale recalls. "I literally had to beat up nine of them."

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Ryder's borrowed diamonds missing

GOSSIP Actress Winona Ryder is at the centre of a new controversy after reportedly losing $125,000 US worth of borrowed Bulgari diamonds loaned to her for an awards ceremony appearance in Spain, imdb.com reports.

Ryder had been given a diamond-encrusted bracelet and ring to wear to a Marie Claire magazine party in Madrid last week. She reported the items missing after allegedly handing them in to her hotel's front desk in an envelope to be kept in the venue's safe.

But according to Voici magazine, the hotel bosses have not yet been able to locate surveillance footage to prove Ryder's claims — and Bulgari executives have now asked police to investigate.

A spokesperson for Ryder, who was arrested in 2001 for failing to pay for goods taken from Beverly Hills store Saks Fifth Avenue, has yet to respond to requests for comment. Bulgari representatives have refused to address the reports or confirm the disappearance of the jewels.

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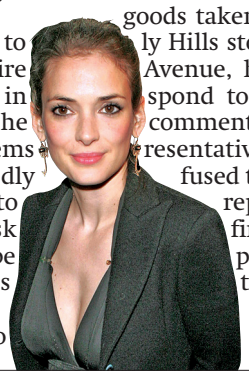

Female models 'mean,' Osbourne says

OPINION Kelly Osbourne says female models are "jealous and mean," femalefirst.co.uk reports. The reality TV star claims almost all the working models she has met have been nasty and she can't stand to be around them.

"Most female models I've come across in my life are very jealous and mean. God forbid you eat anything in front of them — they look like they want to kill you! They're just stupid," Osbourne reportedly said.

Osbourne, who recently announced her engagement to model Luke Worrell, also revealed being in a relationship with him has clouded her opinion of the industry.

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Sienna back with Balthazar

RELATIONSHIPS Actress Sienna Miller and actor Balthazar Getty are back together, femalefirst.co.uk reports. Miller, who said at an event earlier this month she was "single at the moment," was spotted walking her dogs and laughing with Getty in London recently.

"We drove past them and they looked very together," an onlooker said. Miller's love of partying is believed to have been to blame for her split from Getty.

"Sienna is only 26 and loves to go out," a source said."

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Klum keeps teeth

CONFESSION German supermodel Heidi Klum has kept every tooth she has ever lost, imdb.com reports. "I carry around a little bag of my teeth," Klum said during a recent appearance on The Tonight Show with Jay Leno. "We don't have a tooth fairy (in Germany), so I put them in a little bag. I don't know if it's good luck, it's just a crazy thing that I do."

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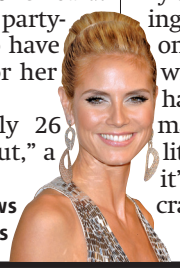

Actress alleges Farrell tried to bed her

GOSSIP Actor Colin Farrell has brushed off reports he attempted to bed a budding actress and U.S. Army reservist after meeting her at a New York club, imdb.com reports. Sam Durrani claims she shared a cab with Farrell to her apartment, but she reportedly refused to succumb to his charms.

"He's very nice, but was just being a typical guy looking for sex, so I told him I wasn't interested," she tells the New York Post. However, a representative for Farrell has hit back, claiming that although Farrell was present at the club on the night in question, "He does not know Sam Durrani and does not remember ever meeting her."

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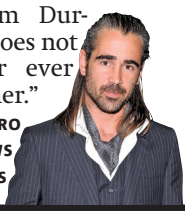

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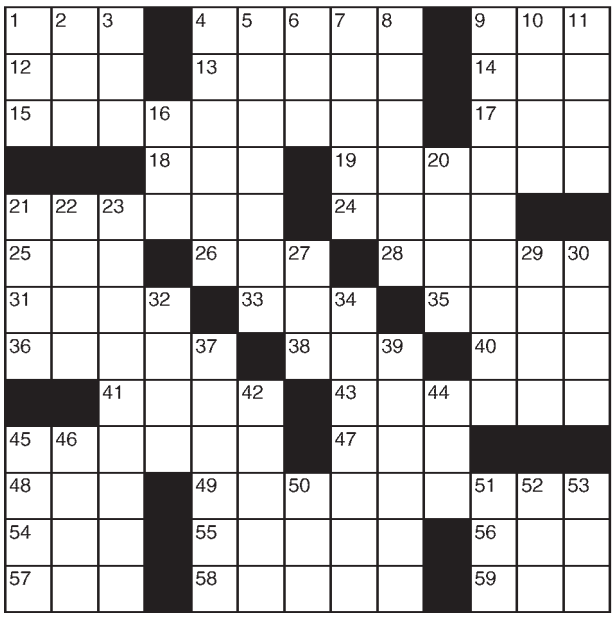

Crossword across

1 Tear
4 Seashore
9 Encyc. book
12 Historic time
13 Bother
14 Commotion
15 Item in February's mail
17 High-arc shot
18 Chiang — -shek
19 Guarantee
21 Pre-Christmas period
24 Galilee village
25 Extinct bird
26 Carte lead-in
28 Black fur
31 Afflictions
33 Omelet need
35 Story line
36 Narrow apertures
38 Dadaist Jean
40 A billion years
41 Information
43 Largest state
45 St. George's foe
47 Automobile
48 See 16-Down
49 Odin's maidens
54 Work with
55 Banishment
56 Baseballer's hat
57 Third degree?
58 Cut
59 Greek H

Crossword down

1 Gun the engine
2 401(k) alternative
3 Crony
4 Chimp's snack
5 Designate
6 Singer DiFranco
7 Megaphone-shaped
8 Zoo howlers
9 Jewelry and such
10 Smell
11 Ear part
16 With 48-Across, supplement
20 Break suddenly
21 Writer Kingsley
22 Toy shop purchase
23 Ratified
27 — Khan
29 Glimpse
30 Sicilian volcano
32 Men only
34 Large black bird
37 Ranges
39 Game participant
42 Have — to grind
44 Timetable abbr.
45 Decorate
46 Hurry
50 Actress Ullmann
51 Hockey surface
52 Dine
53 Resort

Sudoku

HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

			6		3			
	1						8	
9	7	3				5	4	6
		6	7		4	3		
3								2
		7	1		9	4		
5	3	8				6	2	7
	6						9	
			5		2			

PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

D	D	T	■	A	U	F	■	M	A	G	O	G
Y	O	U	■	R	N	A	■	A	B	O	D	E
I	L	L	■	C	H	I	C	K	A	D	E	E
N	O	S	■	O	U	T	R	E	■	■	■	■
G	R	A	Y	■	R	H	O	■	P	L	E	A
■	■	■	O	A	T	■	C	H	I	S	E	L
A	W	F	U	L	■	■	A	Z	U	R	E	■
C	H	I	N	T	Z	■	A	D	Z	■	■	■
T	O	N	G	■	O	W	N	■	A	R	M	Y
■	■	■	■	B	L	A	N	C	■	E	A	U
C	H	I	H	U	A	H	U	A	■	A	R	M
W	O	V	E	N	■	O	A	R	■	D	I	M
T	R	Y	S	T	■	O	L	D	■	S	A	Y

6	1	8	4	3	7	5	9	2
3	4	2	8	5	9	1	6	7
9	7	5	1	6	2	3	4	8
7	9	3	6	2	8	4	1	5
5	8	1	3	9	4	7	2	6
2	6	4	5	7	1	8	3	9
4	5	7	2	1	6	9	8	3
8	3	6	9	4	5	2	7	1
1	2	9	7	8	3	6	5	4

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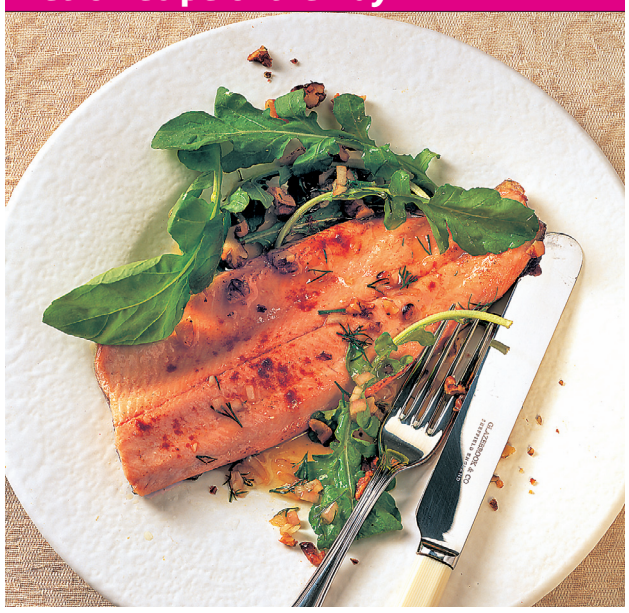
SUDOKU SOLVE TIME:
Under 13 min .....Genius
13-17 min.....Scholar
17-21 min .....Smart
21-25 min .....Not bad
25+ min.....Keep practising

Metro Recipe of the Day



Fresh Trout with Walnut Dressing

INGREDIENTS:
2 tsp (10 mL) vegetable oil
4 trout fillets, about 6oz (170 g) each
1/4 tsp (1 mL) paprika
10 walnut halves
4 1/2 oz (125 g) arugula, watercress or mixed salad leaves

DRESSING:
2 scallions
A few sprigs of fresh dill or celery leaves
2 tbsp (25 mL) spiced rice vinegar or sherry vinegar
6 tbsp (90 mL) walnut oil
Salt and black pepper

METHOD:
1. Preheat grill to high. For dressing, rinse, trim and finely chop scallions, and place in a small bowl. Rinse, dry and chop dill or celery leaves and add to bowl with vinegar, walnut oil, salt and pepper. Mix well and set aside.
2. Grease grill pan with half the vegetable oil and lay trout fillets on top, skin sides down. Season with salt and paprika. Grill fish for 5–8 minutes, on one side, until flesh is opaque in the centre and delicately brown at the edges.
3. While fillets are cooking, heat remaining vegetable oil in a small frying pan and gently fry walnuts, shaking and stirring constantly so that they colour but do not burn. Drain on paper towel, then chop roughly.
4. Rinse and dry salad leaves and arrange on four plates. Lay a fillet of trout on each. Stir dressing, spoon over the fish, and scatter walnuts on top.

SERVES 4

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Horoscopes

AVATAR VENUS

ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
Walk away from a dangerous situation. A pest considers telling the truth. Prepare to experience a tremendous power surge.

TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
A neglected partner could be seeking comfort elsewhere. A dream of a better relationship will come true. A dramatic friend screams for attention.

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Someone has an amusing request to make. Expect a slowdown on the way home. A spiritual experience results from lessons that are learned.

CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Expect a normally smug person to become nervous. A meeting leads to greater information sharing. Divine intervention fixes a situation.

LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
Visit the person you love the most. Be patient with a reluctant lover. Stand on your own two feet and be responsible.

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
Don't take anything for granted. Hold on tight to your magnificent dreams. You may be happier in a different setting.

LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
Someone's illness will upset your plans. A memory rises up and affects a relationship. Somebody you know will leave the scene too soon.

SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22
An optimistic guy will give you some hope. Be prepared to travel in an instant. Ensure that a phone bill has been paid.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21
Someone's devotion is strong and true. Don't be astounded by outrageous rules. Be kind to strangers while in transit.

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
A friend has a temper tantrum. A career benefit isn't as certain as it should be. Don't break the spell that's cast by someone you love.

AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
A demanding deceiver will make concessions. Being assertive has a big pay off. It's easy to fall in love with the star of the show.

PISCES
FEB 19-MARCH 20
A sentimental guy makes an impossible promise, and then breaks it. Look out the window to see a surprising event. Pay attention to a casual offer.

This day in history

DEC. 1, 1864: In his State of the Union Address President Abraham Lincoln reaffirms the necessity of ending slavery as ordered ten weeks earlier in the Emancipation Proclamation.
DEC. 1, 1918: The Kingdom of Serbs, Croats and Slovenes (later known as the Kingdom of Yugoslavia) is proclaimed.
DEC. 1, 1955: American Civil Rights Movement: In Montgomery, Alabama, seamstress Rosa Parks refuses to give her bus seat to a white man and is arrested for violating the city's racial segregation laws, an incident which leads to the Montgomery Bus Boycott.
DEC. 1, 1981: The AIDS virus is officially recognized.

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